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TAGS: ETRD, EAGR

SUBJECT: SUGAR AND COFFEE

PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY
KATZ TO MINISTER CALMON DE SA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER: I APPRECIATE YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 29,
WHICH ARRIVED AFTER SOME DELAY. WE ARE CONTINUING TO MAKE
EVERY EFFORT TO SECURE THE RATIFICATION OF THE INTER-
NATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT. SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE THIS
WEEK TOWARD BREAKING THE STALEMATE IN CONGRESS, AND I WAS
PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE WORLD PRICE REBOUNDED SOMEWHAT.
THERE IS A WAY TO GO YET IN SECURING RATIFICATION;
HOWEVER,THE ADMINISTRATION RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE THAT
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U.S. RATIFICATION HAS FOR THE AGREEMENT AND FOR A SATIS-
FACTORY LEVEL OF WORLD PRICES,AND REMAINS COMMITTED TO
ACHIEVING EFFECTIVE U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE AGREEMENT.

WE ARE EQUALLY DETERMINED TO SECURE PASSAGE OF THE NECES-
SARY IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE
AGREEMENT. THE ADMINISTRATION MADE A DELIBERATE DECISION

NOT TO SUBMIT LEGISLATION THIS YEAR BECAUSE, IN OUR JUDGMENT, CONGRESS WOULD NOT HAVE PASSED IT. WE NOW INTEND TO SUBMIT IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION TO THE CONGRESS EARLY NEXT YEAR.

OUR PROBLEMS WITH THE CONGRESS ON THIS ISSUE, HOWEVER, ARE NOT DUE SOLELY TO THE HIGH COFFEE PRICES OF THE RECENT PAST. I PERSONALLY HAVE GONE ON RECORD THAT THE PRODUCERS DID NOT FORCE THE PRICE UP. I WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, ASSERT THAT THEY HAVE NOT, AT TIMES, RESISTED THE DECLINING PRICE TREND OF THE PAST FIFTEEN MONTHS. PUBLICLY CONTROVERSIAL AND INEVITABLY FUTILE ATTEMPTS BY SOME PRODUCERS TO STRENGTHEN COFFEE PRICES HAVE ERODED CONSUMER SUPPORT FOR THE AGREEMENT. ANY SIMILAR UNILATERAL ACTION BY PRODUCERS NOW WILL ONLY DAMAGE PROSPECTS FOR FAVORABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON OUR REQUEST FOR IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION. SINCERELY, - END TEXT. VANCE

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